

**Fox Army Health Center
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RE: Mammography for Implant patients

Policy: Fox Army Health Center will provide Mammography studies for patients with breast augmentation.

Procedure: Mammography procedures for patients with breast augmentation will be completed as follows:

1. Technologist will follow all procedures for a routine mammography study.
2. Technologist will discuss with the patient the need for compression to be used during the study to include any adverse events that may occur concerning obtaining mammography on patients with breast augmentation. This would include the possibility of rupture of the implant.
3. Technologist will assure that patient signs a statement of consent for the exam.
4. Once consent for the exam has been obtained from the patient, mammography procedure will begin.
5. Four views of the breast using the standard routine screening basic views will be obtained, including the implant, using limited but necessary amount of compression of the breast.
6. After Technologist has viewed what is referred to as the "Implant views" for technical correctness, the Technologist will have a Radiologist to review these films for implant stability and determination if what is referred to as the "Implant displacement views" will be obtained.
7. Upon approval of stability of the implant by a Radiologist, the Technologist will proceed with the routine "Implant displacement views" using care with compression and manipulation of the implant.
8. Upon completion of the "Implant displacement views", the entire study will be reviewed by the Radiologist prior to patient being released.